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RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY TO FORMALLY DESIGNATE STATE ELECTION SYSTEMS AS PART OF THE NATION'S CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE TO PROTECT STATE AND LOCAL VOTING SYSTEMS, AND URGING ELECTION OFFICIALS IN SHELBY COUNTY AND THE STATE OF TENNESSEE TO TAKE ADDITIONAL MEASURES WITHOUT DELAY TO ENHANCE THE SECURITY OF THEIR COMPUTER SYSTEMS TO SAFEGUARD THE INTEGRITY OF THE VOTING APPARATUS IN SHELBY COUNTY AND THROUGHOUT THE STATE OF TENNESSEE. SPONSORED BY COMMISSIONER VAN TURNER AND COMMISSIONER STEVE BASAR.

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WHEREAS, The FBI's Cyber Division recently issued a warning and "flash" alert that foreign hackers have penetrated one or more state election databases ; and

WHEREAS, The Secretary of the United States Department of Homeland Security recently convened a conference call with state election officials to address this issue; and;

WHEREAS, Federal officials have warned state and local election officials nationwide to take additional steps to enhance the security of their computer systems; and

WHEREAS, The FBI Cyber Division issued a warning titled "Targeting Activity Against State Board of Election Systems," a copy of which is available at: [https://s.yimg.com/dh/ap/politics/images/boe\\_flash\\_aug\\_2016\\_final.pdf](https://s.yimg.com/dh/ap/politics/images/boe_flash_aug_2016_final.pdf); and

WHEREAS, Federal officials have warned state and local election officials to be on the alert for cyberintrusions against election websites, malicious software being introduced into voter registration systems, and the "exfiltration," or theft, of voter registration data; and

WHEREAS, This Commission deems it necessary for the United States Department of Homeland Security to formally designate state and local election systems as part of the nation's "critical infrastructure" requiring federal protection.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF SHELBY COUNTY, TENNESSEE, That this Commission does hereby formally request and urge the United States Department of Homeland Security to designate state and local election systems as part of the nation's "critical infrastructure".

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the Secretary of the United States Department of Homeland Security.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the Chairman of the federal Election Assistance Commission.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the Shelby County delegation in Congress and the Senators representing the great state of Tennessee in the United States Senate.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the Tennessee Secretary of State, and the Shelby County Elections Commission.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this Resolution shall become effective in accordance with the Shelby County Charter, Article II, Section 2.06(B).

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Mark H. Luttrell, Jr.  
Shelby County Mayor

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

ATTEST:

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Clerk of County Commission

ADOPTED: \_\_\_\_\_